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Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency CIA Building Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The National Captioning Institute recently commended this agency's concern for hearing-impaired people. NCI is a non-profit, single-purpose company which provides closed-captioned television programming for this audience through an exemplary combination of federal, corporate, and consumer support.

As you may know, the Government Printing Office enjoys a long tradition of leadership in both the private and public sectors by providing communications ease for it's hearing-impaired employees. We've found it is important to enhance their communications abilities and to enrich their quality of life in the work place. This past December, for example, we installed a TeleCaption-equipped television set so that our 75 hearing-impaired employees can now enjoy equal access to the timeliness of news about events shaping our lives.

Recently, the President signed a Proclamation designating December as "National Closed-Captioned Television Month." In reference to the closed-captioning of his Inaugural Address, Mr. Reagan stated, "I feel very honored to be the first President in history to have spoken directly to people who had never before experienced this historic tradition."

In the next few days June Farrell, NCI's Director of Public Relations, will call you to discuss how you can contribute to the overall effort obringing our hearing-impaired fellow citizens into the mainstream of



life. I urge you to follow our lead and make closed-captioned television an integral part of your overall communications program both internally and with the general public.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Virginia Knauer, Director Office of Consumer Affairs The White House

> Mr. John E.D. Ball, President National Captioning Institute

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Proclamation 5008 of December 29, 1982

The President

National Closed-Captioned Television Month

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Nothing is more important to the welfare and progress of the United States than the assurance that all its people are afforded equality of opportunities. Our Nation's commitment to open new doors of opportunity for people in all walks of life has guided the growth of our Nation and stands as a measure of its greatness.

The realization of our high hopes for a better America can be gauged by our ability to bring the handicapped of our Nation into the mainstream of society. The recent initiation in March 1980 of closed-captioned television, which opened this important communications medium to millions of deaf and hearing-impaired Americans, is a significant achievement toward this end. The development of closed-captioned television marks the culmination of many years of cooperative effort by government, private industry and nonprofit groups. It is breaking down historic communications barriers and opening new social, educational and vocational opportunities for the hearing-impaired.

In recognition of the invaluable service performed by closed-captioned television, and in order to call public attention to the contribution that it is making toward enriching the lives of millions of Americans, the Congress has, by joint resolution, requested that the President designate the month of December 1982 as "National Closed-Captioned Television Month."

NOW. THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the month of December 1982 as National Closed-Captioned Television Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

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